Workplace Fatalities



3/17/98 Crushed

At 1:15 p.m., two tractor-trailer units parked at a dairy farm were preparing to leave. The vehicles had been parked with rear ends facing. Both drivers closed their doors, and proceeded to the cabs. The victim returned to the rear of his truck. Meanwhile, the second driver backed up in order to make a turn, and pinned the victim between the two trucks. Questions to ask?

- Does your work plan allow for effective communication between workers and for the safe placement of machinery?
- Do you have equipment or procedures that would benefit from audible backup warning devices?